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SUBJ: CZECH FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS BURMA

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1. CZECH FOREIGN MINISTER BOHUSLAV CHNOUPEK WAS IN RANGOON MARCH '77-30 FOR A "GOODWILL VISIT." MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY INCLUDED MOFA CHIEF OF CABINET EMIL KEBLUSEK AND ASIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT HEAD KAREL HAVLIK.

2. THE CZECHS FIRST VISITED SANDOWAY, A BEACH RESORT, AND ON RETURNING TO RANGOON CALLED ON COUNCIL OF STATE SECRETARY GENERAL SAN YU, PRIME MINISTER MAUNG MAUNG KHA, FOREIGN MINISTER U HLA PHONE, AND INDUSTRIES II MINISTER COL. MAUNG CHO.

3. IN A BANQUET TOAST, CHNOUPEK SAID THAT "IT IS EXTREMELY NECESSARY TO SPREAD THE PROCESS OF DETENTE ... INTO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD SO THAT IT WILL BECOME PERMANENT AND IRREVERSIBLE. THEREFORE CZECHOSLOVAKIA TOGETHER WITH OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY ARE COMING
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WITH NEW INITIATIVES. THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THEM WE CONSIDER TO REACH A REAL PROGRESS IN THE SPHERE OF DISARMAMENT AS WELL AS TO EXCLUDE THE DANGER OF NUCLEAR CONFLICTS."

4. A PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY THE CZECH DELEGATION SAID THAT CHNOUPEK "EXPLAINED TO MINISTER U HLA PHONE THE

POLICY OF INTERNATIONAL DETENTE. THE TALKS REVEALED A PROXIMITY OF VIEWS OF THE TWO PARTIES ON MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ISSUES." THE PRESS RELEASE ALSO SAID THAT TALKS WERE HELD ON "DEEPENING AND STRENGTHENING OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, NAMELY, WHICH CONCERNS THE INDUSTRIALIZATION OF ... BURMA."

5. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST VISIT OF A CZECH FOREIGN MINISTER TO BURMA. IT RECIPROCATES U HLA PHONE'S VISIT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA LAST SEPTEMBER.

6. WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO LEARN THE SUBSTANCE OF WHAT, IF ANY "NEW INITIATIVES" CHNOUPEK DISCUSSED WITH THE BURMESE, NOR DETAILS ABOUT ANY INCREASED ECONOMIC TIES. WE ARE TRYING TO DEVELOP FURTHER INFORMATION.
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